GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3693
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SHORTAGE OF SPARE PARTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Armed Forces are facing shortage of spare parts since the division of erstwhile USSR;

(b) whether Indian and overseas companies in the defence sector have set up a joint venture to maintain equipment supply to the Indian armed forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of spares parts?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3693 FOR 18.8.2005

There have been problems in obtaining spares and equipment of Ex-Soviet origin after the division of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Some of the equipments of Russian origin have become obsolete and their spares are not being produced.

To overcome the shortage of spares and equipment of erstwhile USSR origin, the Government of the Russian Federation has set up an Indo-Russian Joint Venture Company under the name of Rosoberonservice (India) at Mumbai under the Indian Company Act, 1956. This Joint Venture is designed to provide complete range of Life Cycle Product support service in India, in respect of all Russian Military equipment.

The non-availability of certain spares is being addressed through in-house manufacture and indigenization in India. Fresh acquisition contracts stipulate a commitment from the Russian side for the lifetime support of the equipment and giving advance notice to the Indian side if an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) wishes to stop further production of the equipment to enable the Indian side to procure lifetime spares for support of the equipment. The Government had taken up the matter with the Government of the Russian Federation requesting for allowing direct interaction with the Original Equipment Manufacturers for better product support. The Russian side has so far allowed such interaction with 21 original equipment manufacturers.